Shading and Recognition OR The first Mrs Rochester

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Structure

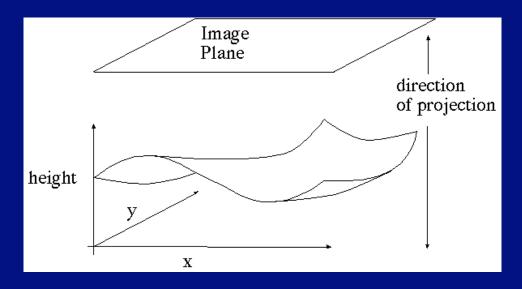
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- why shading
- why shading analysis died
- reasons for hope
- History
 - Classical SFS+Critiques
 - Primitives
- Reconstructions are possible
 - Variable source shading analysis



From White+Forsyth 07

Reconstruction from shading



- Conventions:
 - Orthography
 - (but. for example, Prados+Faugeras
 - Height field
 - partial derivatives are written p, q

Reconstruction from shading

 $R(p,q;\mathbf{S}) = I(x,y)$

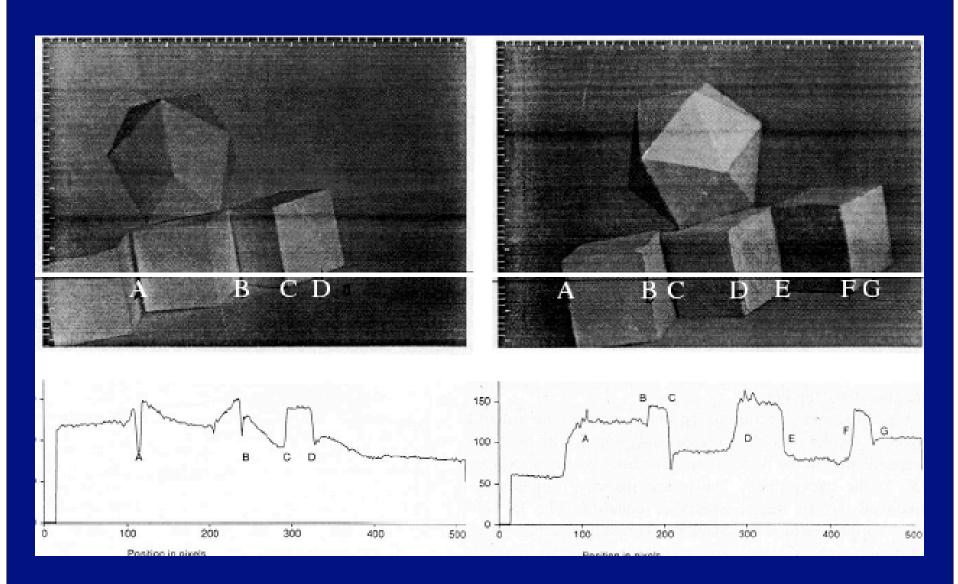
Reflectance Map

Image intensity

- Local model
 - Points with the same normal get the same shading value
- The Image Irradiance Equation (IIE)
 - Horn, 1970 and lots of later papers by lots of authors
- This is a PDE
 - First order, non-linear, actually Hamilton Jacobi

Physical Critiques

- Real shading is not local
 - interreflections
 - points with the same normal get different shading values
- Devastating
 - because a physically exact formulation is unmanageable
 - (it has been tried, Nayar et al 91)
 - cannot account for distant radiators we can't see



Forsyth Zisserman '89, '91 after Gilchrist, Koenderink, etc.

Existence

- Solutions do not exist for rich boundary conditions
 - current literature says:
 - not a problem want reconstruction from minimal geometry data
- Options
 - classical fails
 - Lipschitz (too many solutions)
 - Viscosity (one, but no physical justification for choice)
 - RouyTourin 92, Lions et al 93, Prados Faugeras 03
- Real world
 - many rich sources of geometric constraint (identity; stereo; SFM;...)
 - should not impede existence

General Guideline: A formulation which doesn't have existence for natural problem instances needs to be fixed

Pragmatics

• Shape from shading doesn't work

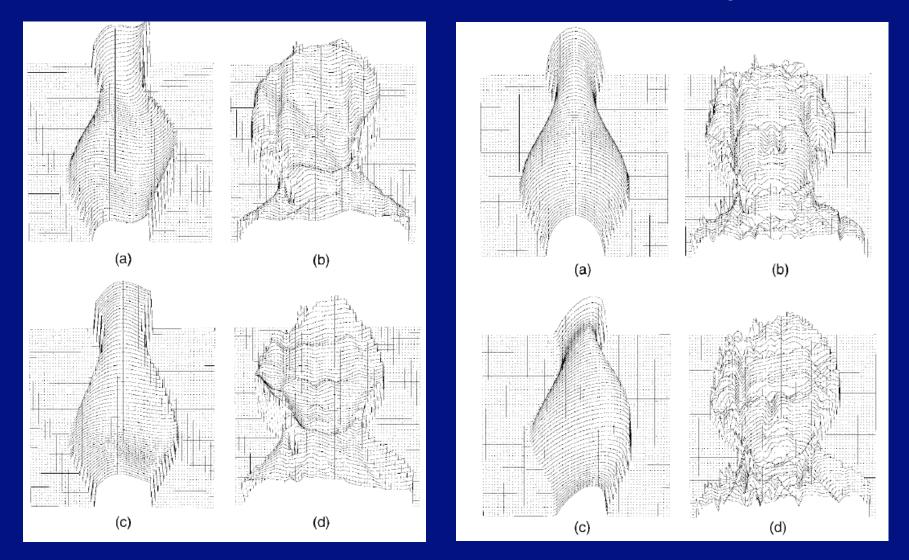
- ample evidence
 - No comparison between right answer and reconstructions
 - Poor results on synthetic (!) data



From Zhang ea, 99

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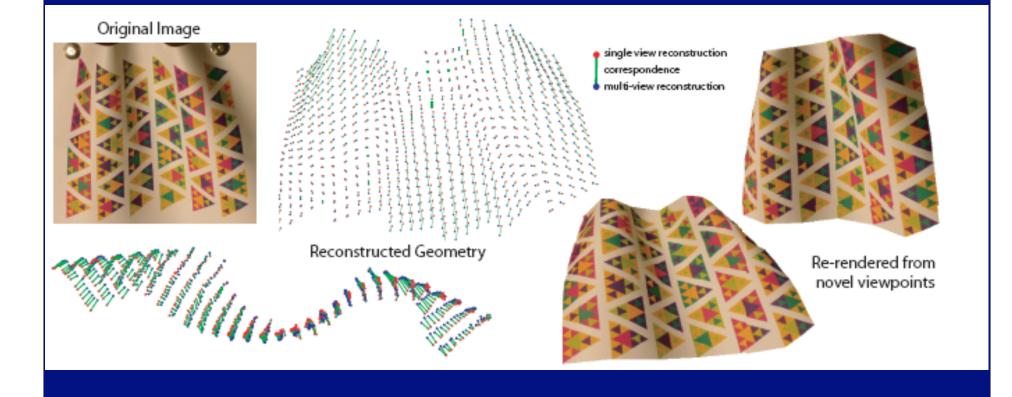
Minor critiques

- The world isn't ideal diffuse
 - True, but so what if we can't solve the easiest case...
- There are specularities
 - see above
 - and we can build specularity detectors
- Albedo varies
 - but we have quite good theories of how to infer albedos

Reasons for hope

- Evidence for pragmatic information in shading
 - SF(T+S)
- Evidence that shading cues are compelling to humans
 - Textureshop
 - Retexturing movies
 - Complex, mixed picture from psychophysics
- Evidence that shading is distinctive
 - Face detectors
 - Some others, rather ragged

SF(T+S) Shading disambiguates texture



White+Forsyth 06

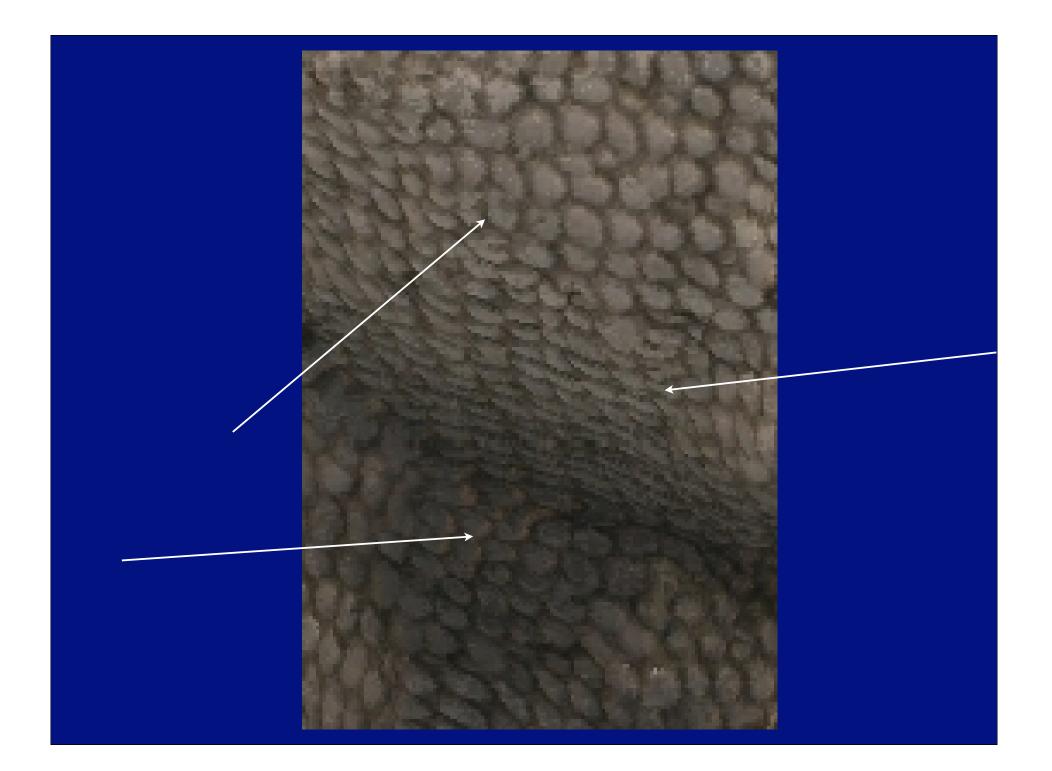
Textureshop

- Hart+Fang, 04
- Retexture illuminated surface by:
 - Obtaining normal estimate from local shape from shading
 - normal estimate is largely meaningless
 - Use this to compute texture normal
 - Shade this texture with original illumination estimate
- Interesting because
 - In a cue conflict between texture and shading, texture loses



Fang + Hart 04





Retexturing movies

- White+Forsyth 06
- Retexture moving surfaces by
 - Building non-parametric estimate of illumination from corners
 - assuming silkscreen, known colors, not known texture
 - Rectify texture to very rough geometric (affine distortion) model
 - Shade with illumination estimate
- Get shading right, it looks natural with weak geometry
 - Shading cues beat motion cues? (at short scales?)
 - Quality issues are
 - flicker
 - surfaces look rigid when fold shading is not reproduced.



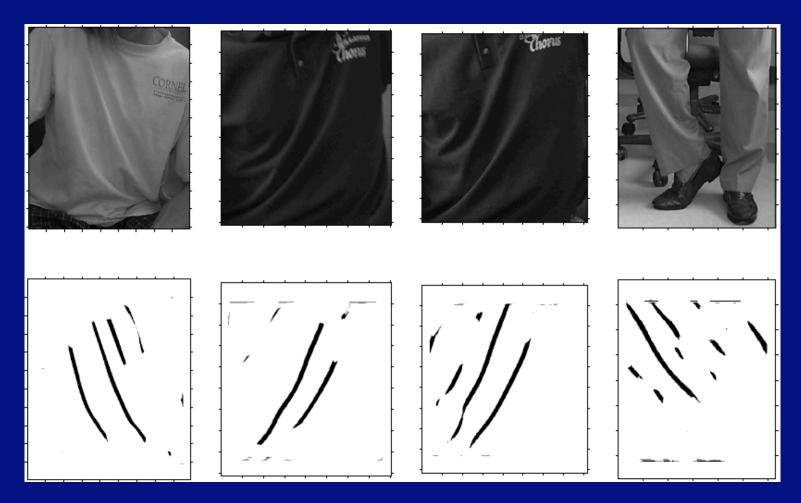
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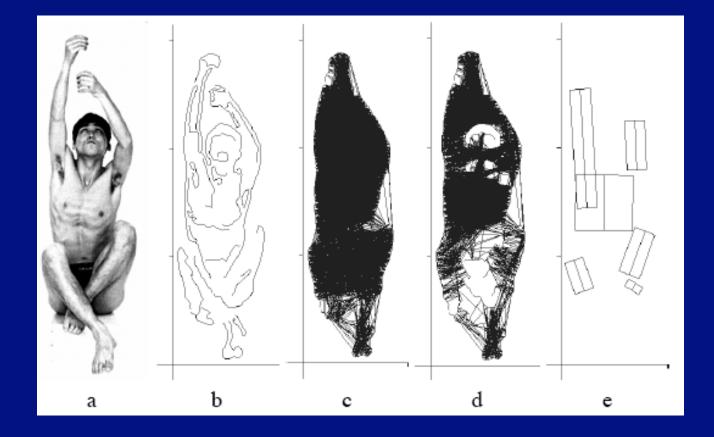
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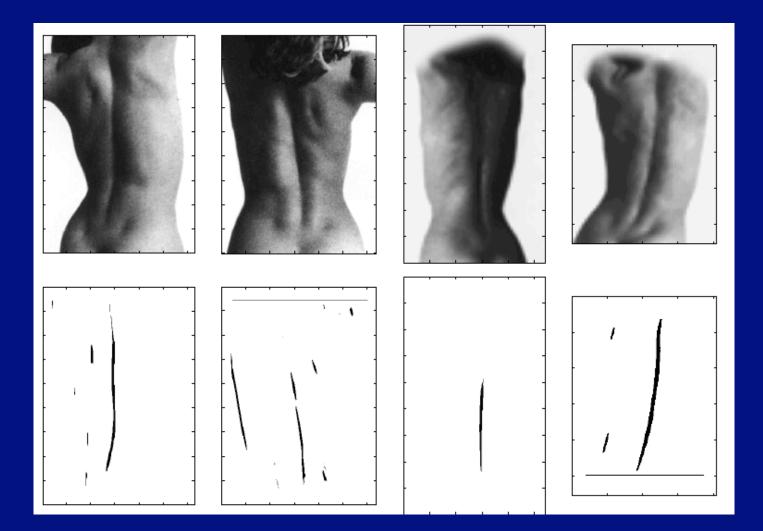
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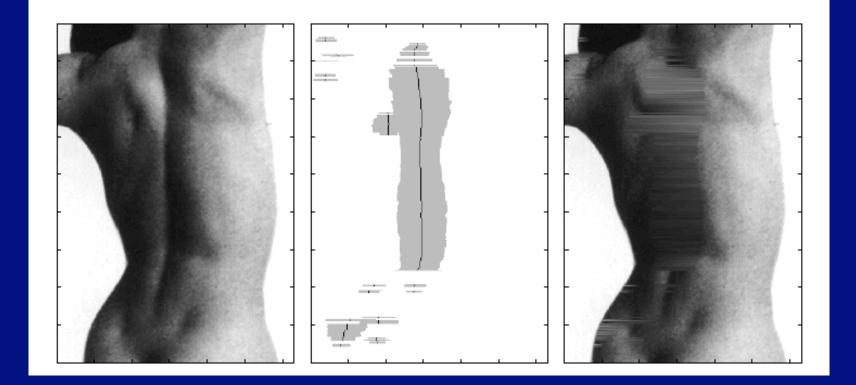
Shading Primitives

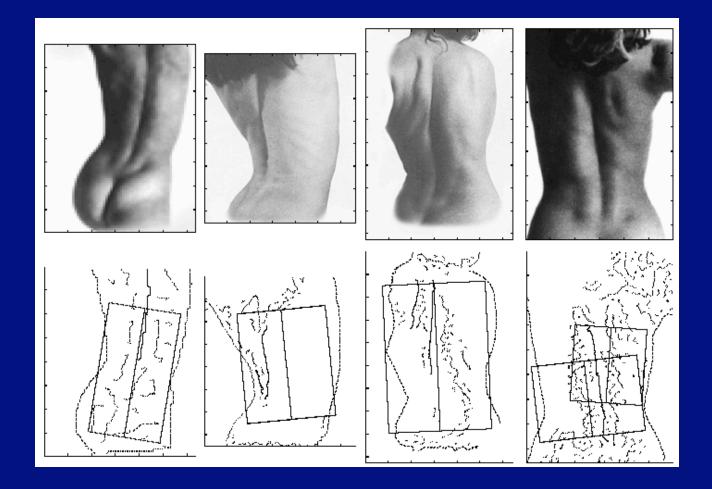
- Shading patterns on certain structures are stylized
 - We might be able to spot such patterns and use them
- Huge success
 - Frontal face detectors
- But...
 - few examples
 - Pits, etc. (Koenderink '83)
 - Folds, Grooves, Cylinders (HaddonForsyth, 98a, b)
 - Objects in fixed configuration (Belhumeur+Kriegman '98)
 - hard to deploy in natural ways







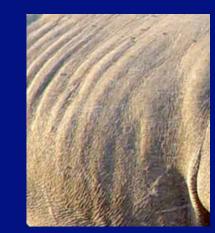
















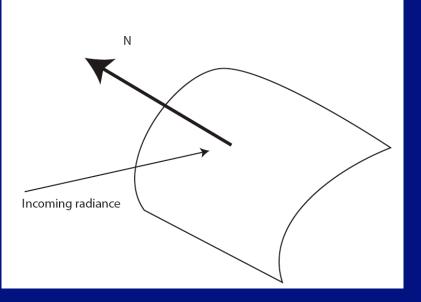
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The Irradiance integral

- Obtain radiosity by
 - summing incoming radiance over all directions



$$B(x,y) = \int_{\Omega} \rho(x,y;\omega_i) L(x,y;\omega_i) \cos \theta_i d\omega_i$$

The Irradiance Integral

- IIE
 - radiance comes only directly from the luminaire
- Rendering
 - radiance consists of direct term + indirect term
 - indirect term changes slowly over space
 - irradiance cache (Ward, 88, 92)
 - radiance cache (ArikanForsyth, 04)
 - complex angular patterns of radiance are not resolved
 - (Ramamoorthi Hanrahan, 01)
 - useful in photometric stereo (Basri, Jacobs, Kemelmacher 07)

Illumination changes slowly over space



Radiance Cache Samples

Irradiance Cache Samples

Figure from Arikan Forsyth 05

The effective source

$$R(p,q;\mathbf{S}_e(x,y)) = I(x,y)$$

- A spatially varying source
 - that produces the right answer from the reflectance map
- Properties
 - not very different from ideal source
 - difference changes slowly over space

Variable Source Shading Analysis

Minimize

Slow change in effective source

Effective sources similar to source

$$\theta_1 \sum_{i \in Sources} \int_{\Omega} \| \nabla \mathbf{S}_e^{(i)}(x, y) \|^2 dA + \theta_2 \sum_{i \in Sources} \int_{\Omega} \| \mathbf{S}_e^{(i)}(x, y) - \mathbf{S} \|^2 dA$$

$$\theta_3 \int_{\Omega} (f_{xx} + f_{yy})^2 dA + \theta_4 (\int_{\Omega} dA_s - A_0)^2$$
No free creases Extra area is expensive

Subject to:

 $R(p,q;\mathbf{S}_e^{(i)}(x,y)) = I(x,y)$

Boundary conditions

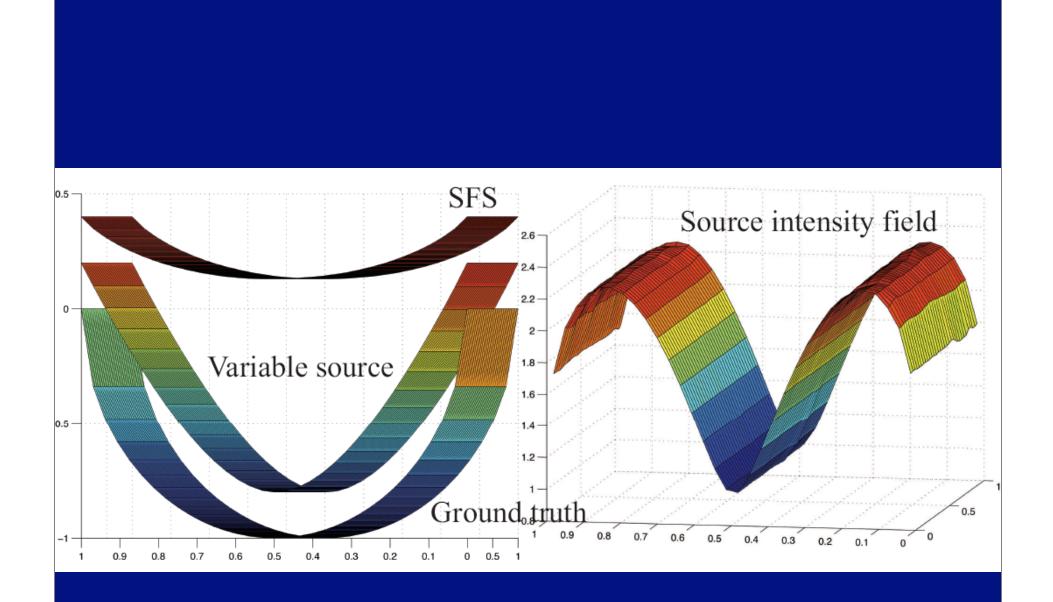
Variable source shading analysis

- Solution always exists
 - if boundary conditions are consistent
- Arbitrary (consistent) boundary conditions OK
- Can do 0, 1, 2.... sources
- Area regularizer is very helpful
- Somewhat stabler problem if we substitute:

$$\mathbf{S}_e^{(i)}(x,y) = g_i(x,y)\mathbf{S}^{(i)}$$

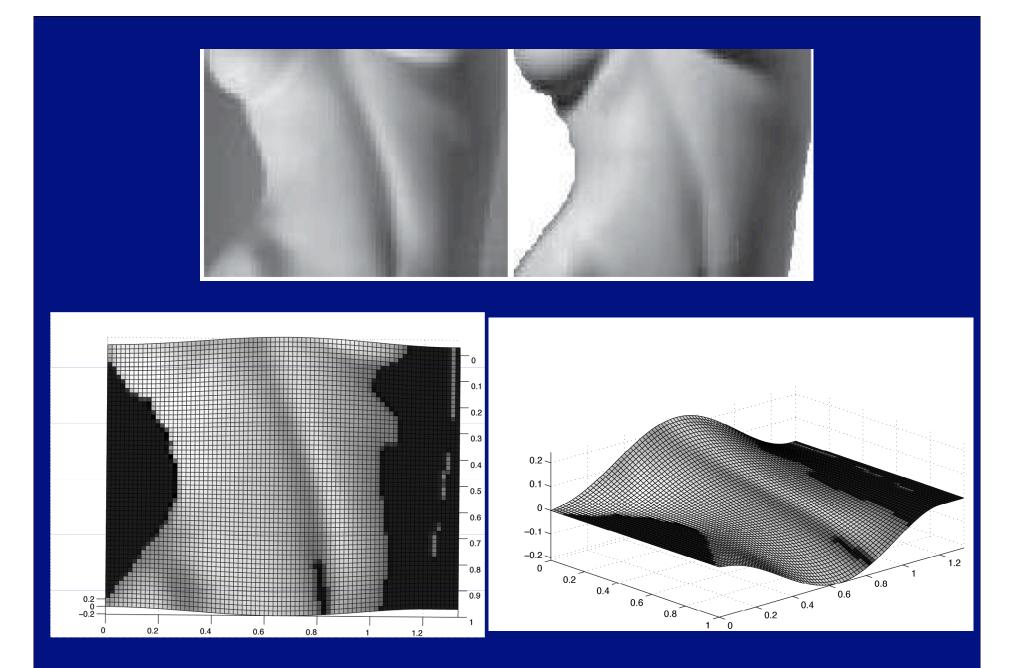
Local shading model

Physically realistic shading

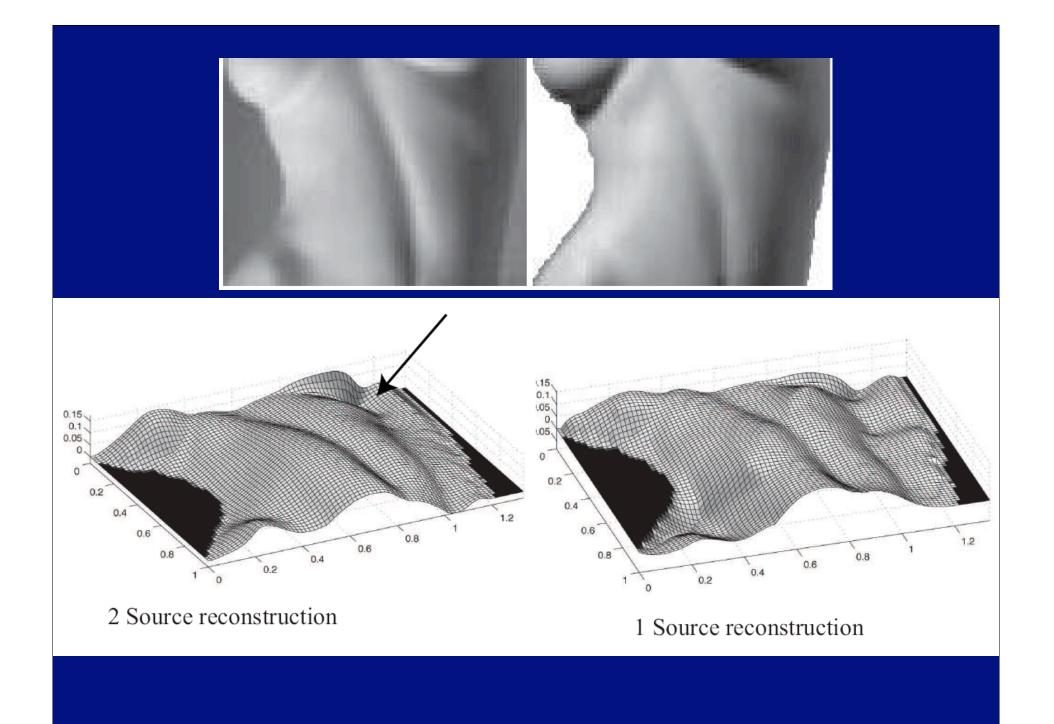




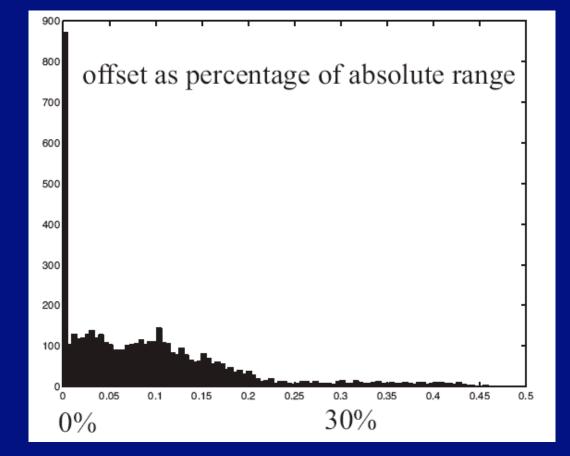
Figures 1a, b of Koenderink, "Pictorial Relief", 98



No shading (this isn't unique, but gives some idea of what bc's do)



1-Source vs 2 Sources

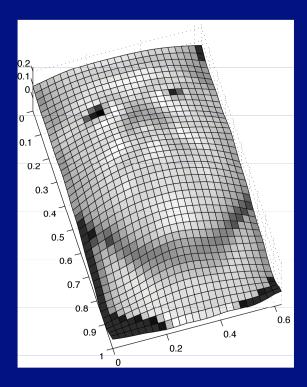


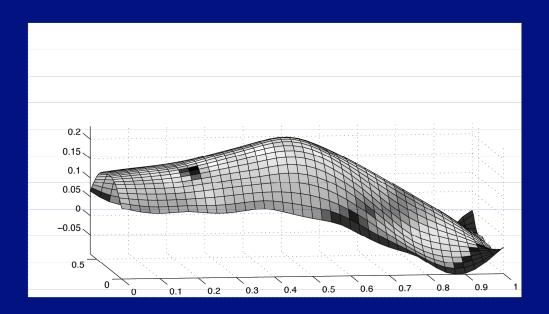
Masked image

Albedo (inferred from photometric stereo and provided)

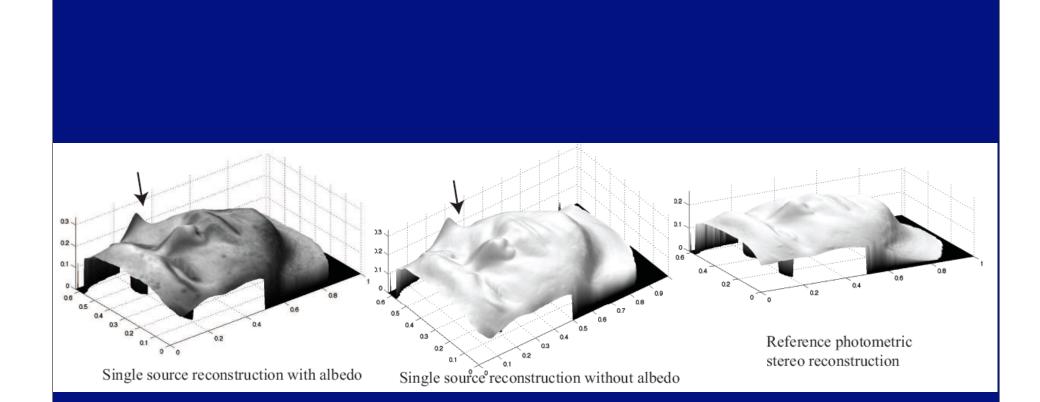
Shading image

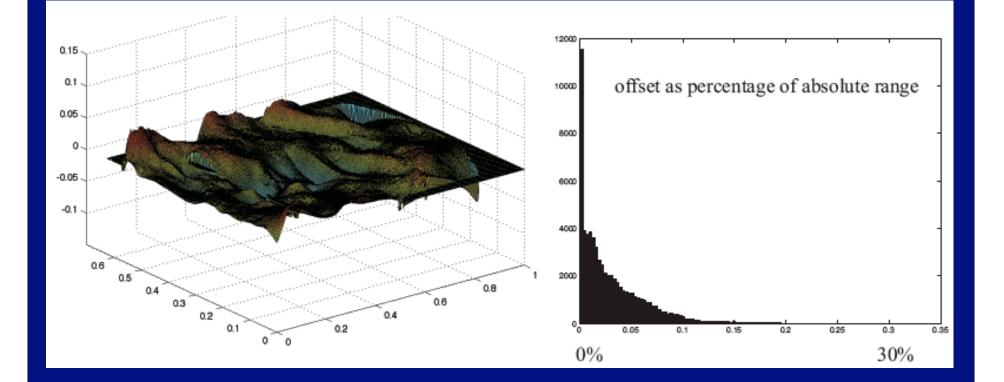




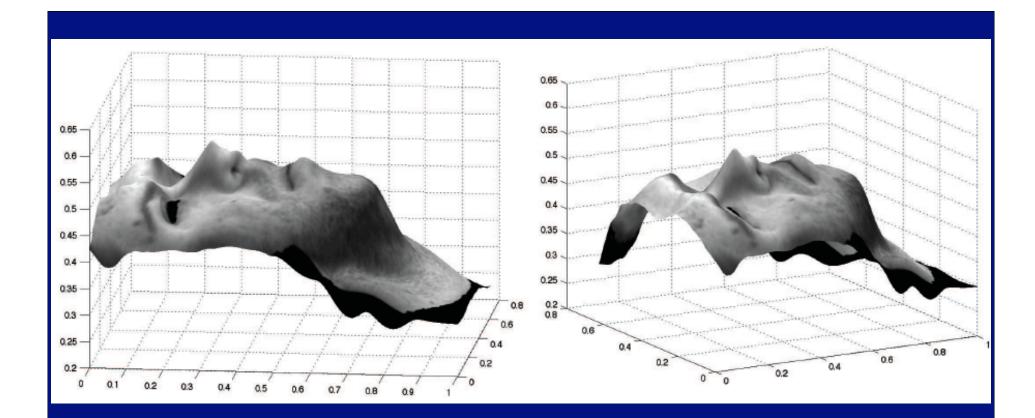


Without shading





Single source face against reference photometric stereo reconstruction



320x200 representation: single source 256000 variables 640 depth constraints (32x20 grid) some masked Note bump on nose - specularity

Important points

- There are features which exist over spatial domains
 - at object length scales
- Usable notion of primitive essential
 - to handle unknown objects
- The visual world is very rich
 - cue opportunism is essential for both reconstruction and recognition